GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2203
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INDIGENOUS PRODUCTION OF BMCS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

referring to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4125 dated April 10, 2003 regarding setting up ordnance factory at Rajgir and state:

(a) whether the transfer of Technology from M/s. Somchem, South Africa for manufacture of BMCS (Bi-Modular Charge System) at Ordnance Factory, Rajgir has been completed;

(b) if so, whether indigenous production of BMCS has been started;

(c) if not, the time by which it is likely to be started;

(d) whether full payment of Transfer of Technology charges has been made to M/s. Somchem; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

(a) No, Sir. Technical documents have been received and OFB personnel have been trained at Somchem South Africa as part of the contract. The firm is required to render required assistance at the time of establishment of production, as a part of the contract.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Considering present status of the project, commencement of production is expected by November, 2007.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. An amount of 11.192 million US dollars (equivalent to Rs. 53.43 crore) was released on 28.3.2003. Further, an amount of 2.798 million US dollars (equivalent to Rs. 12.72 crore) was released on 28.10.2003. The total amount paid therefore is 13.99 million US dollars, equivalent to Rs. 66.15 crore.